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HUSBAND SENTENCED TO 57 MONTHS FOR SHOOTING AT AK-CHIN CASINO

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- José de Jesus Rivera, U. S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced that **SAMUEL JAMES NARCIA**, age 36, an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and resident of Maricopa, Arizona, was sentenced, yesterday, to 57 months in prison and fined \$5,000 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury and Felon in Possession of a Firearm, by United States District Court Judge Earl H. Carroll, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Narcia previously pleaded guilty to the three felony offenses on October 25, 1999. Narcia admitted that he shot the victim, on March 11, 1999, at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, after he discovered that the victim was engaged in a relationship with his wife. In addition, because of his previous felony conviction, in 1992, for Accessory After the Fact to First Degree Murder, he was unable to legally possess the firearm he used to shoot the victim.

Narcia told the court that on March 11, 1999, he drank several beers and then armed with a .38 special caliber revolver, went to find the victim at his place of employment, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. With the revolver hidden in his jacket, Narcia entered the casino and, after asking several people, was told that he could find the victim in the casino's facilities office. Narica called for the victim to come out of his office, and when he stepped into the corridor, Narica pulled the revolver from beneath his jacket and shot the victim, twice. The victim grabbed Narcia, and after struggling with him, took the gun and struck Narcia over the

head with it. Narcia was finally subdued by the victim and other individuals who came to his aid. While Narcia was handcuffed and under arrest, he tried to flee. Ak-Chin Tribal Police Officer Alyce Redman fell and suffered a broken finger while struggling with Narcia.

Narica has been incarcerated since the shooting.

The defendant previously received a sentence of three years and five months, from the Ak-Chin Tribal Court, for the same conduct. The defendant had been transferred into federal custody prior to today's sentencing. The defendant will remain in federal custody and serve both sentences, concurrently. The defendant's federal sentence was credited for the 171 days he spent in Tribal custody, prior to the outcome of the federal case.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement Services, the AK-Chin Tribal Police Department, Pinal County Sheriff's Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The prosecution was handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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